Indo-American Nuclear Treaty

†2747. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of recently concluded Indo-American Nuclear Treaty, America has urged India to discontinue its nuclear tests in future;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) Government's policy to impose ban on its nuclear tests in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) No treaty or agreement has so far been concluded with the United States of America on the resumption of civilian nuclear energy cooperation.

(c) Government is continuing its unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing.

Indian Labourers abandoned by their Employers

2748. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of plight of Indian labourers in various construction sites in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) abandoned by their employers without settling their long outstanding wages;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken, if any to protect the interest of Indian workers employed in construction and other enterprises on UAE and in other gulf countries from exploitation, abuse and violation of contractual obligations by their employers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.